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In re Application of:

AGOSTON ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/644,387

Filed: August 23, 2000

For: METHODS OF OBTAINING
2-METHOXYESTRADIOL OF HIGH PURITY

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) Art Unit: 1616

) Examiner: Badio, B.

FIRST RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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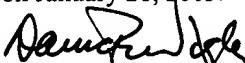
Responsive to the Office Action dated August 9, 2002 in the above-identified patent application, a response which is due February 9, 2003 by virtue of the enclosed three-month extension of time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are currently pending in this application and Claims 14-20 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-13 and 21-25 are presently under examination. All claims were rejected in the Office Action dated August 9, 2002. Based on the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

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